GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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CHEMICAL FREE FABRICS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cotton fabric producers in the country are being pressured by the overseas buying firms to ensure that their fabrics are free from chemical residues, including the presence of pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been received by the Government from loom fabric exporters in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. It is true that most of the important overseas buying firms insist that the cotton fabric supplied to them should be free from harmful chemicals including the pesticides. This stipulation is primarily in the nature of commercial contract condition between the importer and the exporter. In countries like Germany and Netherlands in European Union, there is legislation passed by the respective Governments imposing limits on the presence of harmful chemicals, dyes in the textiles.

(c) & (d) No such representation has been received from fabric exporters.